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sTab, a postal diplomacy magazine of some disrepute in Scarborough and Willowdale, Ontario, is edited once every three weeks by John Koning. Subscriptions are ten issues for one dollar, and trades are welcomed with all other magazines save Jutland Jollies (or SIC or -- far more descriptively -- Glub Blub), whose editors print their magazine with disappearing ink.

Accompanying this issue of sTab, for everyone except the players in 1967A, is Trantor 65, containing the corrected "Fall 1905" moves in Trantor III. (Players received their copies some time ago.) To preserve correct chronology, this issue should be stapled to sTab 39 rather than the present issue, as it is really a part of that issue.

I must apologize to the players in almost every game in this issue, for the editorial blunders that marred nearly every game in sTab 39. I have found that my errors are an increasing function of the number of games carried in sTab, and I plan to let the number of games carried in this magazine drop to four or five as soon as possible. One new game will be started in January 1968 (invitations will go out at the same time as this issue), and one new three-man game will probably also begin soon (see my notes to sTab #IV), but this will probably be the limit of the games I begin in 1968. An increase in quality will accompany this decrease in quantity, I hope.

sTab #II "Summer 1909" 18 November 1967

WAR ENDS IN EASTERN ALLIANCE VICTORY! ENGLISH AND FRENCH-ITALIANS SURRENDER

Following the "Spring 1909" both Earl Thompson and John Smythe conceded to Derek Nelson, ending the game in his favor. An analysis of the game follows, with a supply center table at its end.

When Earl Thompson first proposed a three-man game to me, he postulated that rather than the two-man, 3 vs 3 games sTab had run in the past, adding a third, one-power player would add depth to the game and lift it out of the category of a mere tactical exercise. The

theory behind this was excellent. Neither major Power could afford to attack this third player, since he would then join the other Power, making the game a 3-4 contest. Likewise, neither Power could afford to antagonize this neutral, and so would have to make material concessions to placate him. This process of taking bits and pieces from each Power could only go on so long, of course, before the neutral would have to shed his neutrality. The theory was then that this neutral would join one side and fight against the other Power, enriching himself in the process, and then switch sides and fight against his former ally, further enriching himself. This seesawing should go on until all three players had approximately the same number of centers. What would happen after that was anyone's guess.

The only flaw in such a theory, of course, was that it required perfectly flexible, rational players whose only considerations in bargaining would be the events within the context of the game. And few players are that rational or flexible. John Smythe and Earl Thompson, for instance, had had a (friendly) rivalry for some time in various diplomacy and superdiplomacy games, and it was inevitable that they should eventually clash. In 1901 England and Germany stood each other off in Holland, and Smythe warned Thompson to back off. In the meantime, Nelson launched a strong Russian campaign in eastern Germany, while Austria sparred with Italy and Turkey built a navy on the centers she picked up -- without opposition -- in the Balkans.

In 1902, Thompson took Sweden with no opposition from Nelson, and his conflict with Smythe flared anew. Smythe said, in a press release: "Congratulations to Derek Nelson on his future victory in this war, though it must be admitted that history is in his favor. On many battlefields and in many wars have Thompsons and Smythes met, and ever have they been enemies."

Thompson replied: "The Treacherous Smythe again breaks his treaty. Alas, in all the time I have met Smythe, he has betrayed me and broken our alliances. It had been agreed that England was to have Scandinavia. It might not yet be too late. Withdraw France..."

In 1904 Thompson attempted to make peace with Smythe, while demanding St. Petersburg from Nelson and either Brest or Belgium from Smythe. Smythe's answer was to surround England with French fleets, while Nelson yielded up St. Pete to the English. However, as England moved, in 1905 and 1906, to defend her homeland, Nelson launched his attack on Thompson, retaking the Scandinavian centers that he had yielded. By 1908, England was reduced to her three home ports.

Through all of this, Thompson and Smythe continued to trade barrages of allegations, threats, promises, and graphic descriptions of each other. It was impossible, at most times, to distinguish with any certainty the provocator from the provoked. It is doubtful whether either of them knew also.

During all of this, Nelson advanced, eliminating Germany and whittling away at France in the north, taking a Turkish army on a strange odyssey through Russia, Scandinavia, and finally Germany, but having unusual difficulty in routing Smythe from the Italian peninsula. In fact, though Smythe has often spoken of Derek's fantastic ability to outguess him in these two- and three-man games, it was more often Nelson who was outguessed, as a glance at the supply center chart will show.

By Spring 1909, however, when Thompson refused to ally for a

final defense against Nelson, Smythe admitted the futility of further conflict. Both he and Thompson conceded to Nelson, who in any case needed only two more centers to win. Thus ended the longest three-man game on record.

By the way, the current games sTab #III and #IV arose from Derek's suggestion that making England the odd-man-out did not give the third player enough scope to bargain, since England -- bordering on only three countries -- will always border on more of the nations of one Power than on those of the other. The alignment he proposed is the one used in these other three-man games. See my comments on sTab IV, in this issue, concerning the success of that alignment.

And, oh yes, congratulations Derek!

Last blasts from the combatents follow the supply center chart.

1966Aft -- sTab #II -- John Koning, gamesmaster

Earl Thompson: England (conceded, F08)

John Smythe: France, Germany, Italy (conceded, F08)

Derek Nelson: Austria, Russia, Turkey (won, F08)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	
E -	4	6	6	6	7	6	5	3	((An asterisk indicates one fewer pieces than centers))
F -	6	6	6	6	6	7	9	8	
G -	4	3	3	2	1				
I -	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	
A -	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	
R -	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	12*	
T -	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	

PLAYER TOTALS

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Thompson -	4	6	6	6	7	6	5	3
Smythe -	14	13	13	11	10	10	11	10
Nelson -	14	15	15	17	17	18	18	21*

LONDON The war which has ravaged Europe has finally ended. France, and her defeated allies, have been brought to defeat for their belligerent moves against England. It was France that made the hostile moves against England which sealed the doom of the unholy alliance of France and her lackeys.

Perhaps France found England a nation which was the match of the French alliance. Surely, three nations under General Smythe would be a fair match for England under the Earl of Thompson. But the war-lords, in their greedy grab at England and her territories, forgot that there were other powers which would also respond to such an act of aggression.

France spent her energies trying to conquer a smaller nation, and the drain on her proved her undoing.

Let LBJ take notice.

PARIS The Government of France surrenders to the combined forces

of Austria and Russia. Before this government resigns it has one last duty to perform. It must explain its interpretation of the Franco-Anglo relations. Contrary to the irresponsible claims of the English at no time did the French violate her treaties with England. Two treaties were proposed by England and accepted by France, and twice did England break them before the ink had dried. But such fickleness must be expected when dealing with the infamous Earl of Thompson. What cannot be tolerated is the situation where the infamous Earl attempts to rationalize his actions by distasteful propaganda.

MORE DISTASTEFUL PROPAGANDA:

LONDON (11 June 1909) A special committee to review the circumstances of the execution of Mr. John Koning was established after a rumor was printed in the Times. The War office denounced Mr. Koning and declared the rumors of his innocence to be lies.

LONDON (16 June 1909) The special committee to review the execution of Mr. Koning announced they had found copies of documents which proved Mr. Koning's innocence. The War office reacted with a denunciation of the special committee and ordered their arrest. "Mr. Koning was GUILTY," was the only comment the War Office would make.

LONDON (17 June 1909) A War Office aide admitted the possibility of Mr. Koning's innocence. When reporters asked to see the aide, they learned he had just been killed in a fall down a stairway.

LONDON (19 June 1909) A member of the special committee to review the death of Mr. Koning was reported to have committed suicide.

LONDON (20 June 1909) The War Office admitted that one of the committee members was dead, but denied it had been a suicide. "He fell down a stairway," was the only response reporters could get. His body had already been cremated.

LONDON (25 June 1909) John Stickwoman, a well known leftist leader, published copies of documents proving the innocence of Mr. Koning. Mr. Stickwoman was arrested by undercover War Office agents, who had married into his family to watch his activities. Most of the documents were seized.

LONDON (26 June 1909) It is reported that five ranking War Office members have defected to the French. They admitted of a conspiracy but refused to make any further comment, as their families are still in London.

GENEVA (DWE) Mr. John Koning, convalescing after his recent fatal tumble down a flight of stairs in the offices of DWE Inc., expressed joy over the efforts being made to clear his

name in England. Perhaps someday soon, he mused, he will return to France and readopt his true family name of Dreyfus.

sTab #III

"Fall 1903"

18 November 1967

NOTE: When at deadline time Roland Tzudiker had not submitted any moves, and I could not reach him by phone, I departed from usual sTab procedure and had a local player make moves for England-Italy-Turkey. I would not have done this if this were anything but a three man game where one missed move can end the game, and it does not indicate a precedent or a new 'house rule.' I do not anticipate doing this again in the future.

ROLAND TZUDIKER (made by neutral substitute)

ENGLAND: F Yor-Edi; F Eng-Mid; F Bre (S) F Eng-Mid; A Nwy-hold
ITALY: F Lyon-Spa
TURKEY: A Ser-Tri; A Con-Bul; F Aeg-Ion; F Ion-Tyrr; F Tun (S)
F Ion-Tyrr; A Bul-Gre

JOHN McCALLUM

FRANCE: A Rom-Nap; A Tus-Pie; F Tyrr-Ion; F Spa(sc)-hold;
F Bel (S) GERMAN F Nth
GERMANY: A Ruh-Bur; A Hol-Yor; F Nth (C) A Hol-Yor; F Den (S)
F Nth; F Pru-Ber; A Sil-War
AUSTRIA: F Ven (S) A Tri; A Vie (S) A Tri; A Tri (S) A Vie

LARRY PEERY

RUSSIA: F Both-Swe; F Bal (S) F Both-Swe; A StP-hold; A War-Sil
A Gal-Vie; A Bud (S) A Gal-Vie; F Bla-Ank

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Fleet Tyrrhenian may retreat to either Rome, Tuscany, or the Western Med. The Austrian Army Vienna may retreat to either Tyrolia or Bohemia. These retreats should accompany the "Winter 1903" orders, which may be made conditional upon them.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1903" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1967

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bre ((5)) Build ONE
ITALY: ~~Mis~~, ~~Tun~~ ((OUT)) Remove Fleet Gulf of Lyon Total 11
TURKEY: ~~Wk~~, Smy, Con, Ser, Bul, Gre, Tun ((6)) No change
FRANCE: Far, Mar, ~~Ex~~, Spa, Rom, Por, ~~Nap~~, ~~Bel~~ ((7)) Build TWO
GERMANY: Kie, Mun, Ber, Den, Hol, ~~Wk~~ ((5)) Remove ONE Total 14
AUSTRIA: ~~Vk~~, Tri, Ven ((2)) Remove ONE
RUSSIA: Mos, War, Sev, StP, Swe, Rum, Bud, Vie, Ank ((9)) Build 2

ST. PEERIGRAD In his second major lecture of the semester Dr.

Peter H. Olmes (D.D. M.D. Ph.D. Litt.D. and Th.D.), today told the assembled students and faculty of the University of St. Peerigrad that the status of Canada in the world of international affairs was at an all-time low. Olmes specifically stated: "The recent appointments by the Pearson of various Quebecian zionists (I mean nationalists) to represent Canada in major European cities, e.g., Paris, Berlin, and Vienna, is a sure indication that Canada is no longer a world power."

capitals, even Paris, Berlin, and Vienna, is a sure indication that imperialistic tendencies are once again coming forth in this state. 1812 wasn't so long ago that we should be unaware of 'the menace that lies to our north (well, across the Pole anyway)..." In his concluding remarks Dr. Olmes demanded that Russia break diplomatic relations with the newly installed McCallum Regime in partial response for their provoking various European states in aggressive actions toward the Motherland.

PEERY ST. William McLinn Martinski, Chairman of the State Bank, today scoffed at reports that recent cut-backs in the budget of the University of St. Peerigrad were caused by the tremendous losses in aid from the IIER. Martinski said: "Everyone knows that in this time of international crisis we must make what cuts we can in order to provide our soldiers with everything they need to win the war. You can't have TV Dinners and Color TV. Something has to give.

SCARBOROUGH (DWE) Ryerson College President Derek Nelson, continuing with his plans to start a new party with the quarter billion dollar grant he recently received from the International Institute for Economic Research (IIER), has contracted for the entire output of the Carling Breweries for the next 75 years. Nelson figures the party out to last at least that long, unless the police get wind of it. With Nelson filling lake Erie with Red Cap, somebody is certainly going to get wind of it.

PEERVILLE Former Imperial Staff Commander Marshal Kurt LiMaioff today told the national convention of the War and Slavery Party that only an all-out effort against the Motherland's enemies could bring Russia to her rightful place as the world's greatest power.

LAKE ST. LAWRENCE His Imperial Majesty, Tzar Michaelboatashore today made one of his infrequent public appearances at the Imperial Ship-building and Drydock Co. plant here to plead that striking workers return to their jobs in order to keep the war effort going.

STOCKHOLM It was announced here today jointly by President Hans Klapperstruck and Marshal Georgi Zefra (Commander of the Imperial Occupation Army) that the Peery Peace Prize (yet another use for those immortal initials PPP that have come to mean to the Diplomacy world what KKK means to the South... hmmmm?) had been awarded to none other than his Imperial Majesty Tzar Michaelboatashore. Apparently there was some quarrel over who should receive the award as rumors indicated that the Norwegians (who normally choose the winner of the Peace Prize) had all cast blank ballots and that only the Swedish votes had been for the Tzar. Nevertheless the event was interpreted as a triumph for the Trar's policy of selective pacifism in the current war. Said the Trar in his speech accepting the award (nothing less than a 14" solid gold statuette of the sacred Snoopy Doll inlaid with diamonds and crowned with a halo of pure phooooeeey) he said: "During the current war we have attempted to

mediate between both parties. Aiding both sides where possible, and picking up what crumbs we could. Our position has been that of a balance and we should continue this policy if able as we slowly build toward a point where we can persuade the major belligerents to come to the peace table (bring pieces of their countries to us). Our policies will continue to be guiled in the shining light of brotherly love and paternal benevolence."

MONASTARY OF ST. JUSTIN THE SMOKEY Unconfirmed reports indicated that a mysterious visitor of the highest rank was confined here with a strange disease caused by over-exertion of the vocal chords. Some local residents said that the visitor was none other than the Tzar's personal secretary, Lav. G. Peery. "Impossible," said Peeryhaus, "Everyone knows Peeri hasn't suffered from a lack of wind (hmmmm?) since he attempted to moderate a debate between G. Turnerminus and Rodewick Walkoff in 1943 at the World's Fair in Anchorage, Alaska."

CON THIEW Hi there you all. I'll give Ho your regards.

SAIGON William Lawrence, in Vietnam on a hell-raising mission, told reporters today: "I've found out who's running the war in Hanoi; it's Bangs Leslie Tapscott, and in Saigon it's a guy named Stokely Gabriel."

GENEVA (DWE) The author of the following report, back from a peerilous journey to Vietnam, notes that it's undoubtedly the longest press release ever, since he worked on it from Clark AFB in the Phillipines to Travis AFB in California, a distance of about 10,000 miles.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT ST. PEERIGRAD Dr. Peter H. Olmes, Professor of Astronomical Politics, and current lecturer under the William Lawrence memorial chair in international relations at the University of St. Peerigrad, this month delivered his third and fourth major addresses of the year. As did his previous addresses, The Total Depravity of Economics and The Total Depravity of the McCallum Regime, the two most recent addresses brought a burst of intellectual enlightenment to the gloomy campuses of the modern university. The first lecture was devoted to THE VELIKOWSKY AFFAIR, a discussion of the cataclysmic theory of creation. Dr. Emmanuel Velokowsky, the author of such well-known works as Wprlds in Collision, Earth in Upheaval, Ages in Chaos, and Oedipus and Akhnaton, as well as the subject of the recent bestseller The Velikowsky Affair, edited by Dr. Alfred DeGrazia, attended the lecture as Olmes guest.

In his lecture Olmes spent a considerable time considering the various so-called "theories of creation" espoused by various leading authorities that have cumulated in Lyle's "theory of uniformity," the most recent and dogmatic account of creation and evolution. Olmes then asked a long series of penetrating questions designed to confound these various theories based on existing geological evidence. Primarily, Olmes arguments were based on the widespread evidence that the world's climatic belts were not of as long duration as scientists though but that in recent, even during early man,

TIMES THERE HAD BEEN MAJOR SHIFTS IN CLIMATIC LOCATIONS ((oops)). Olmes pointed out the presence of wide-spread coal deposits in the Arctic and Antarctic regions (including Spitzbergen, located within the arctic circle above Norway, and traces of coal found within 200 miles of the south pole), and the presence of various bones in Britain (such as hippopotami, and lizards found in tropical climates). Olmes mentioned traces of glacial remains in the Amazon River Basin (noted, but not explained, by Charles Darwin on his trip around the world), and the mysterious city of Tikika-ka in the Andes Mountains. The city, now located at an elevation of some 16,000 feet is abruptly ended at one point and the remainder of the city is located some 6,000 feet below on the shores of a lake which itself is a geological impossibility... After asking such questions, which no existing theory adequately answers, Dr. Olmes then discussed Dr. Velikowsky's theory that during a period corresponding with the reign of Akhnaton in ancient Egypt and during a period discussed in the Old Testament as when Moses led the people through the Wilderness, the Earth went through a period of catastrophic changes that radically altered our position; including the shifting of the poles to their present position. Olmes did not believe this was the first time this had happened but said it was the first time it had happened during recorded history. Olmes cited the discussion of great "unnatural events" including massive fires, storms, earthquakes, etc. recorded during that period (about 1500 B.C.) in all recorded historical records for all societies, especially Egypt and the Jewish history as being records of actual events and not allegory as some modern scholars suggest. Olmes attributes the fall of the Minoan and other great civilizations (including Ninevah) as being a result of this great cataclysmic event.

As a hushed audience waited, Dr. Olmes then proceeded to recount what Dr. Velikowsky first stated in 1946 as being the real cause of these events. According to Velikowsky, during the 1500 B.C.-1450 B.C. period the Earth twice came within the influence of a near-by comet, which passed close enough to cause these various changes. Velikowsky then named the comet as being the planet Venus which he said was not a planet at all but merely a cooling comet which had come into the Sun's gravitational area. In 1946 Velikowsky claimed that if three conditions could be proven to exist, his theory regarding Venus's being a comet would be justified. They were: Venus's surface temperature is quite hot, its orbit and rotation is not irregular, it's surrounded by a hydro-carbon cloud. Scientists in 1946 scoffed, denying that any of these conditions could possibly be so. By 1955 members of the "scientific community" had ceased scoffing and had instead begun a calculated program to destroy Velikowsky and his reputation (based on his three different degrees in science, biology, and law... including the study of psychology under Freud and physics under Einstein)... Velikowsky became an outcast until the 1960's when the Mariner probes confirmed his claims regarding Venus. This has tremendously upset the scientific community which has since tried to destroy him by ignoring his own research and instead incorporating his works into their own theories. The fact remains that Velikowsky's theories are the only ones that satisfactorily explain the existing data that have not been disproven. Olmes then traced further the development of the Velikowsky theory which explains these various

catastrophic changes as being the result of Venus's passing near the Earth in such a way that our polar balance was upset sufficiently to bring about massive movements within and upon the Earth's surface. In his latest book Dr. Velikowsky discusses the possible relationship of Akhnaton, the monotheistic worshipper-Pharaoh of ancient Egypt, with the Greek legend of Oedipus. Citing as evidence that must be explained Olmes the finding of coins from ancient Egypt in ancient Greek cities of the same period (as Oedipus; the fact that Akhnaton lived with his mother, indeed had several children by her (the only Pharaoh to do so, thereby perhaps earning himself a hatred that led to his extinction and the destruction of his history in ancient Egypt), and the fact that in Oedipus there is mention of sphinx's, a creation of ancient Egypt and first mentioned in 'Akhnaton's time... all these things must be explained said Olmes and thus far only Dr. Velikowsky has made any attempt to do so.

Dr. Olmes finished his lecture by urging the faculty and leadership of the University of St. Peerigrad to offer Dr. Velikowsky an appropriate chair of his own... the following day the Faculty Senate voted to create a special chair in Cosmosology for the Doctor. Dr. Velikowsky indicated he would accept the post of Professor of Cosmosology. Significantly, Dr. Louis B. Brinbat, chairman of the department of Astronomy handed in his resignation at an earlier meeting.

Dr. Olmes wasn't finished with his campaign to reform the University as he indicated in his fourth major address to the students of the school. By now Dr. Olmes speeches had become so intriguing that the speeches were moved from his classroom to the school Student Union, indicating that instead of the traditional activities of boozing, girl-ogling, and gossiping, the students were indeed considering matters of liberal education.

In his fourth major address Dr. Olmes discussed: VIRGINIA, SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA. This was Dr. Olmes first historical lecture but as had the others it indicated the broad scope of his knowledge and general information. Dr. Olmes simply contended that during the first American Civil War (the second having been fought from 1965 starting with the battle of Watts, and ending in 1973 with the signing of the treaty of Logan Heights) Gen. Sherman, a Union Commander, and his forces had not marched to the sea via Atlanta, Georgia, as some southern historians traditionally claim, but had indeed taken a more northern route along what is now US 40 and US 87. According to historians Grant marched from Chattanooga to Atlanta and then on to Savannah, burning, looting, plundering, and raping poor southern belles on his way. Said Olmes: "This is pure hogwash." First of all, Grant left from Johnson City (Kentucky) and his main mission was not the conquering of the south at all, but the establishment of a chain of southern fried chicked stores along a new toll-road being built by the CSA WPA. Secondly, the route passed through Atlanta, where Grant graciously consented to help his old buddy David Selznick in making a movie called Gone With the Wind: The Story of Hurricane Hazel. From Atlanta Sherman proceeded north through Greenville (where reports that a local KKK unit had been active were found to be false; however, a local resident named Jack Greenebean was strung up on a pole to make sure the natives remained quiet), to Charlotte (where a local girl named Patty Page entertained the troops with a moving renditions of Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte, the first anti-noise campaign in the United States);

to Greenboro those damn Greem's just multiply like rabbits!!!!); through Durham (which was full of ye old bull); through Orford, where a local school was closed when the boys were found to be wearing long black robes to classes and the teachers were all members of a local flower society; and finally to Lawrenceville (which if you don't believe me is located in A-8, p. 67 of the Rand McNally Road Atlas for the USA) where the unit went into summer camp and proceeded to make the local scene (hmmm?). Gen. Sherman spent the summer visiting one of his southern cousins, Col. Nicholas B. Longstreet-Wentworth, who had been invalided (he left his buggy in a parking space too long) home during the winter campaign for Coney Island in 1862. The two had a fine old time, riding, drinking local sassperilla's and smoking pot. Gen. Sherman also received an honorary S.O.B. degree from St. Paul's Polytechnic College. Still, there was a war on so Gen. Sherman gathered together his lusty band of men and proceeded to Petersburg before heading up US 1 to Richmond. Gen. Sherman entered Richmond on 1 April 1965 to occupy the Confederate capitol and thus bring an end to the first American Civil War.

Then Dr. Olmes explained why the movement of the head of T.T.T. Enterprises to Virginia Ave. was important to anyone living on Sherman Ave. Aren't you sorry you asked, John?

Finally, in a few minor comments, Dr. Olmes announced his regret that he had not been able to establish a special committee to study the possibility of establishing a diplomatic training school at the university, but he said the current Political Science Department appeared to dislike the idea.

This concluded Dr. Olmes third and fourth lectures of the season. His next topic is supposed to be a discussion of the latest encyclical from Rome, Peerimagnus Infallibility but by then you never know when Peeritis might strike and wreck my typewriter. ((What about my typewriter? jgk))

ST. PERRYBURG The Russian Government today denounced the German's entering of Prussia (which rhymes with Russia which stands for Peery!) and Silesia as being aggressive acts. The Russian Government also demanded to know by what right the long-existing German Army in Warsaw had been removed. Said Gen. Itchikitchiko "As long as the Germans occupied Warsaw we didn't have to defend it. Now we do. Shame." The Russian Government also announced that its new policy of Pax Smirnikoff was being applied throughout the Balkans, especially in Vienna and Ankara, two new additions to the Russian sphere of Influence (latest polls show that although we have tried harder to be nice to the Rocky Mts. Boys it's not doing a damn bit of good). Meanwhile the Russian Army in St. Petersburg continued to practice its figure skating for the 1904 Winter Olympics to be held on Mt. Peerilympus next Winter.

ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND The Russian Government today denounced the landing of a Canadian expedition led by Lieutenant John McMackelduke (rhymes with mamelduke) to seize these strategic islands (used to count the number of whales going from the arctic to Pacific oceans each spring on their way to fun and games at San Diego bay!). The Government spokesman said that the entry of Canada into the current war in the presence of this

miserable rascal was an insult to Russian honor and would be severely punished. After all? "They had EXPO '67, where we spent millions of rubles building a magnificent exhibit devoted to our great Fatherland's accomplishments as the world's first Peerocracy, what more do they want?"

sTab #IV

"Spring 1904"

18 November 1967

NELSON WINS SECOND GAME THIS ISSUE EVERYBODY CONCEDES TO CANADIAN ADMIRAL

JOHN McCALLUM

ENGLAND: F Lon-hold; A Bre-hold

ITALY: A Apu-RomTURKEY: A Smy-Gre; F Aeg (C) A Smy-Gre; A Bul (S) A Smy-Gre;
F Ion-Alb

DEREK NELSON

FRANCE: F Wal-Eng; F Por-Mid; F Spa(sc)-WMed; A Pie-Tyr;
A Par-holdGERMANY: F Edi-Nth; A Kie-hold; F Hol (S) A Kie; A Mun (S) A Kie;
A Bel-RuhAUSTRIA: A Vie-Gal; A Boh (S) A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Rum; A Gre-Bul;
A Bud (S) A Ser-Rum; A Ven-Tri; A Nap-Rom; F Tun-Ion

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: A Nwy-hold; A Ukr-Gal ((no A Ukr)); F Rum-hold; A Pru-Sil;
A Ber (S) A Swe-Kie; A Den (S) A Swe-Kie; A Swe-Kie;
F Bal (C) A Swe-Kie; A Gal-hold ((unordered))

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Greece is retreated to Serbia. The Russian Fleet Rumania could retreat to either Sevastapol or Black Sea. The Russian Army Galicia could retreat to either Silesia, Warsaw, or the Ukraine. None of these retreats are material, however, because:

EVERYBODY CONCEDES TO DEREK NELSON, who becomes the only player to ever win two three-man games simultaneously in one issue of a diplomacy magazine. (Well, some people like to note whenever records have been set.)

EDITOR'S COMMENT It is obvious that Nelson, who held 18 centers at the end of 1903, would in this year of play pick up at least one more. None of the players question his ability to eventually accumulate the necessary 23 centers and win the game, so prolonging the agony is unnecessary. (Of course, it may not be agony for Nelson, but Smythe and McCallum must get few kicks out of it.)

When the alignment of countries in this game was first proposed in sTab some time ago, Derek favored Russia as the optimal third power. I still agree with his choice. Russia borders on Turkey,

Austria, Germany, and -- by extension -- England. The necessary division of countries, therefore, is to split those four neighbors into two camps. This has been done in this game, and in sTab III. But it obvious from the performance in each game that Germany, Austria, and France is too powerful a combination, and even if the neutral player immediately throws his lot in with the English-Italian-Turkish alliance, it is rough going.

In this game Nelson had by the end of 1902 reduced McCallum to 9 centers, putting him on a par with Smythe's Russia, with 8. Similar feats were accomplished by Dick Schultz in sTab III, though on a smaller scale.

Of this game, John Smythe says: "I made a serious error on the first move of the game. But I failed to realize that Derek's position was so superior to McCallum's position. Austria-Germany-France is much too powerful. Russia must attack on the first move if it is to be contained."

In this game, in trying to play the flexible neutral, Smythe found that even by 1902 Nelson was too powerful to be unseated. This game, then, does not conform to the theory expounded in my notes on sTab II.

Smythe therefore proposed that a new game be set up, as follows:

FIRST PLAYER: England, France, Turkey

DEREK NELSON: Germany, Italy, Austria

JOHN SMYTHE: Russia

where underlinings indicate the changes in alignment.

I have contacted Derek about this possibility, but have not as yet received his reply. And, John McCallum has indicated that although willing to play in this new game (sTab V) he would prefer I obtain another player. I have offered the position of First Player to Hal Naus, but if he does not accept I will welcome any other reader who wishes to play. Play will probably begin in sTab 42, with the player list appearing in 41. There will be no fee.

And again, congratulations to Derek!

PLAYERS: John McCallum: England, Italy, Turkey (conceded, S04)

John Smythe: Russia (conceded, S04)

Derek Nelson: France, Germany, Austria (won, S04)

	01	02	03
E -	4	2	2
I -	4	3	1
T -	4	4	4
F -	4	5	5
G -	5	5	5
A -	5	6	8
R -	6	8	9*

Player totals: 01 02 03

J. McCallum: 12 9 7

D. Nelson: 14 16 18

J. Smythe: 6 8 9*

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 Good grief! I just realized that this is already page 13. This promises to be the largest sTab ever, and this appears to be the best place to bring up the airmail/surface mail issue. Following John Boardman's lead in Graustark, this magazine will be sent airmail only to players in Canada or overseas (including those with armed

service APO boxes). Other players will get sTab by first class mail, and subscribers and trades will get it by third class mail. Since dropping the airmail mailing will mean a delay of at most one day (and, according to Boardman, no delay at all), and since sTab runs on a tri-weekly rather than a bi-weekly schedule, I think this should work no hardship on players. And I can't afford to airmail anymore.

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"Fall 1914, Game II"

18 November 1967

ENGLISH ELUDE TURKISH NAVAL TRAP INTERMINABLE WAR CONTINUES

NOTE: The moves in sTab 39 should have been labeled "Spring 1914," not "Fall 1914"

ENGLAND: F Mid-Nat; F WMed-Mid; A StP (S) A Lvn; A Lvn-hold;
(McCallum) A Pru (S) A Sil; A Ber (S) A Sil; A Sil (S) FRE A Mun-Boh

FRANCE: A Kie (S) A Mun; A Mun (S) ENGLISH A Sil; A Bur (S) A Mun;
(Reinsel) A Par-Pic; A Gas (S) F Mar; F Iri (S) ENGLISH F MID;
F Por (S) F Spa(sc); F Spa (S) ENGLISH F WMed-Lyon;
F Mar (S) ENGLISH F WMed-Lyon; F Bre (S) ENGLISH F Mid

TURKEY: A Pie-Mar; F Tun (S) F Naf; F Naf (S) F Lyon-WMed;
(Smythe) F Lyon-WMed; F Tus-Lyon; F Ion-hold; F Lyon-WMed; A Rom-
Ven; A Gal, A Mos, & A Ukr (S) A War; A War & A Sev (S)
A Mos; A Boh (S) A Tyr-Mun; A Tyr-Mun; A Vie (S) A Boh;
A Bud-hold

Underlined moves do not succeed. As no supply centers have changed hands and there have been no annihilations in 1914, there are no "Winter 1914" moves. Although a supply center table is given below, it is only for reference (in a game like this you could forget what you own). The next moves due will be "Spring 1915" moves.

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART (identical to that given after "Fall 1913:)

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Nwy, Swe, StP, Den, Ber ((7))
FRANCE: Bre, Par, Mar, Bel, Spa, Por, Mun, Hol, Kie, Lvn ((9))
TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Con, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Sev, War, Mos, Bud,
Vie, Tri, Ven, Tun, Rom, Nap ((17))

----- "Winter 1905, Game II" -----

R U S S I A N S F A I L T O M O B I L I Z E NELSON RUMORED CELEBRATING OTHER WINS

NOTE: The Austrian piece in Constantinople is a Fleet, not an Army, as I reported in sTab 39 and Trantor 65.
((continued on page 15))

ENGLAND: Removes Army Ruhr
(Pournelle)

ITALY: Builds Fleet Naples
(Clark)

AUSTRIA: Builds Army Vienna
(Smythe)

RUSSIA: No move received. Could have built one.
(Nelson)

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"Spring 1910, Game II"

18 November 1967

ENGLAND MOVES ON EDINBURGH

TURKS PASS GIBRALTER AS FRANCE SLEEPS

NOTE: In sTab 38, change the French "F Nwy-Ed1" to "F Nwg-Ed1"

ENGLAND: A Yor-Ed1; F Lvp-Cly; F Nth-Hol
(Brannan)

FRANCE: No moves received. F's Spa(sc), Mid, Bel, Ed1; A's Ruh,
(Tzudiker) Gas-stand

GERMANY: A Den (S) F Bal-Swe; A Kie (S) F Hol; A Ber-Sil; A Mun-
(Naus) Bu; A Boh (S) A Ber-Sil; A Lvn (S) F Both-StP; F Both-
StP(sc); A Mar (S) A Mun-Bur; F Bal-Swe; F Nwy (S)
F Bal-Swe; F Hol (S) A Kie

TURKEY: A Mos (S) GERMAN A StP; A Ukr (S) A Mos; A Gal (S) A Ukr;
(Davidson) A Bud (S) A Tri; A Tri (S) A Ven; A Rom-Tus; F Lyon-
Spa(sc); F WMed-Mid; F Naf (S) F WMed-Mid; F Tyrr-WMed;
F Ion-Tun; A Ven (S) A Pie; A Pie (S) GERMAN A Mar;
A Smy-hold ((unordered))

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Fleet Mid-Atlantic is
routed and destroyed.

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----- "Spring 1905, Game III" -----

S I L E N C E B L A N K E T S T H R E E C A P I T O L S
FRANCO-ENGLISH ALLIANCE MAKES HAY

NOTE: England's "Winter 1904" build was F Lvp, not "F Lon"

ENGLAND: F Lvp-Nat; F Eng-Lon; F Nth (S) F Eng-Lon; F StP(nc)-hold;
(Zelazny) F Swe-Both; A Kie-Ber; F Ion-Adr; F Tun-Ion; F Mid-WMed

FRANCE: A Tyr-Vie; A Tus (S) A Mar-Pie; A Mar-Pie; F Tyrr (S)
(Turner) ENGLISH F Tun-Ion; A Ber-Sil; A Mun-Boh; A Par-Bur;
A Bur-Mun

GERMANY: No moves received. F Lon-stand
(Schultz)

ITALY: No moves received. F Apu, A Rom-stand
(MacKenzie)

AUSTRIA: A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Vie; A Ser-Alb; A Rum-Gal; A War-Sil;
(Francis) A Mos-War; F Bul-Gre

TURKEY: No moves received. A Con, F Aeg-hold
(Shagrin)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The German Fleet London is routed and destroyed.

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PARIS Marshal le Tournier today commented upon the Austrian failure to raise new armies during the recent Winter lull in fighting along the front lines. "Apparently, the same affliction which struck both the German, Italian, and Russian General Staffs has come home to roost in Vienna as well," chortled the Grand Marshal. The Marshal has declined to answer reporters' questions as to whether he knew anything about this strange malady which seems to strike all enemies of France and England.

TRANSYLVANIA Deep in the reaches of the Carpathians, where the Hapsburg heel has yet to trod, villagers of a certain small and isolated hamlet have brought forth strange rumors of even stranger happenings. Can it truly be? No! But yes, of course...

VIENNA (DLE) Austrian Emperor Archduke Franz David today denied rumors that he was behind the recent abduction of the mistress of the French King. "Well, I mean," he said, "what kind of a cad do you think I am? There has never been such a heel in the Hapsburg family. And anyway, I don't have time for such foolishness... I spend all my time trodding about in the Carpathians, looking for certain small and isolated hamlets for my walking tours. Someday I will have trod upon every acre of land in my Empire..."

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"Fall 1912, Game A"

18 November 1967

TURKS MOVE, LOSE TUSCANY

FRENCH ARMY PERISHES IN HOLLAND

FRANCE: A Lvp (S) F Edi; A Hol-Bel; A Bur (S) A Hol-Bel;
 (Beinsel) A Mar (S) A Bur; F Nat-Nwg; F Edi (S) F Lon-Nth;
F Lon-Nth; F Lyon (S) F Tyrr-Tus; F Tyrr-Tus; F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA: F Eng (C) A Den-Bre; F Nth (C) A Den-Bre; F Nwg-Nat;
 (Miller) F Bar-Nwg; F Nwy (S) F Nth; F Helg (S) A Kie-Hol;
A Cly-Edi; A Den-Bre; A Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Sil-Ber;
A Ruh-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Boh-Mun

TURKEY: F Smy-Aeg; F Gre-Ion; F Apu (S) F Gre-Ion; F Rom-Tyrr;
 (Chalker) F Tus (S) F Rom-Tyrr; A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr (S)
A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven; A Nap stamps grapes.

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Army Holland is annihilated, having no open retreat. The Turkish Fleet Tuscany is retreated to Rome. The Turkish player has until Thursday, 30 November '67, to exercise his option to remove rather than retreating. ((In which case Turkey would build one this Winter.)) NOTE: since the only build this Winter is the single one for Russia, it would speed the game considerably if the three players would have their "Spring 1913" orders in by the next deadline (said moves may be made conditional upon the Russian build). This is a request, not a demand. If all Spring moves are not in by 9 December, a regular "Spring 1913" deadline will be set. Alternately, if Don Miller gets his build to me Right Soon, I can inform the other players in time to set a 9 December deadline for Spring moves. Your cooperation is appreciated.

 DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1912" BUILDS IS SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1967

BUILDS:

FRANCE: Par, ~~Bré~~, Mar, Por, Spa, Tun, Lon, Lvp, ~~MØX~~, Bel, Edi
 ((9)) No change (one piece eliminated, Fall 1912)
 RUSSIA: Sev, War, Mos, StP, Nwy, Swe, Den, Ber, Kie, Mun, Rum,
 Vie, Bud, ~~Edi~~, Bre, Hol ((15)) Build ONE
 TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Gre, Tri, Rom, Nap, Ven, Bul, Ser ((10))
 No change.

CONSTANTINOPLE Turkey is alive and hiding in Argentina.

"Fall 1909, Game D"

TURKISH FORCES RETREAT

LAST ENGLISH CENTER INVESTED

((continued on page eighteen))

FRANCE: F Eng-hold; A Lvp-hold; A Pic-Bar; A Pie-Tus; A Ven (S)
 (Miller) GERMAN A Tyr-Tri; A Vie (S) GERMAN A Tyr-Tri; F Apu (S)
 F Ion; F Adr (S) GERMAN A Tyr-Tri; F Tun (S) F Ion;
 F Tyrr (S) F Ion; F Ion-hold

GERMANY: A Boh (S) FRENCH A Vie; A Ruh-Mun; A StP (S) A Mos;
 (Huff) A Mos (S) A War-Ukr; A War-Ukr; A Pru-War; A Lvn (S)
 A Pru-War; A Gal-Bud; A Tyr-Tri; A Sil-Gal; F Den-hold

TURKEY: A Sev-Arm' A Ukr-Sev; A Bud (S) F Alb-Tri; A Tri-Ser;
 (Reinsel) A Ser-Bul; A Rum (S) A Bud; F Alb-Tri; F Gre (S) F EMed-
 Ion; F Aeg (S) F EMed-Ion; F EMed-Ion

Underlined moves do not succeed.

 DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1909" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1967

BUILDS:

ENGLAND: ~~Zyp~~ ((OUT)) Last piece destroyed, Fall 1908
 FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bre, Tun, Por, Spa, Rom, Nap, Ven, Lon, Edi,
 Lvp, Vie ((13)) Build TWO
 GERMANY: Nwy, Swe, Den, Hol, Ber, Kie, Mun, War, StP, Mos, Bel,
Tri ((12)) Build ONE
 TURKEY: Con, Ank, Smy, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, Sev, ~~Txx~~, ~~Vxx~~, Bud,
 ((9)) Remove ONE (one piece destroyed, Spring 1909)

 -"Spring 1905, Game H"-

F R E N C H S I L E N C E C O N T I N U E S

TURKS TAKE BULGARIA

ENGLAND: A Lvp-Yor; F Nat-Mid
 (Cartier)

FRANCE: No moves received. F's Eng, Bre, Lyo' A's Tus, Bel,
 (Hakulin) Lon, Mar-stand

GERMANY: F Nth-hold; F Nwy-Nwg; F Bal-Den; A Hol-hold; A Ber-Pru;
 (Thomson) A Pru-War; A Mun-Sil; A War-Ukr

AUSTRIA: F Tun-Tyrr; A Ven (S) F Nap-Rom; A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Ser;
 (Reinsel) A Tri (S) A Bud-Ser; A Bul (S) A Bud-Ser; A Gal-Ukr;
 A Rum (S) A Bul; F Nap-Rom

RUSSIA: No moves received. F Sev; A's StP, Lvn-hold
 (Owings)

TURKEY: F Aeg (S) A Con-Bul; A Alb-Ser; A Gre (S) A Con-Bul;
 (Latimer) A Con-Bul

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Bulgaria is
 routed and destroyed. It was not evidently just confusion over my

failure to print his "Winter 1904" build in sequence that prevented the French player from getting his move in last issue. So much for being lenient about deadlines.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1905" ORDERS IS SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1967

I had intended to conclude this issue with a several page discussion of supply center-year total charts, and the significance of average supply centers per year for players and for countries. However, this issue has already gone past my original estimates in size, and a discussion of the sort I have in mind would change the weight per copy from 2 oz. to 3 oz., multiplying my mailing costs by another \$2.50 or so. So rather than go bankrupt this week, I will postpone said discussion until next issue. Bes. es, 9 hours of stenciling is quite enough.

And, oh yes:

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